

Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat

2013 and 2014 Seasons and Rules



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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Wildlife Policy

"All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping." — Idaho Code Section 36-103

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To Receive Nonresident License Applications,

Call: 1-208-334-3700

If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.

Other Information Numbers

- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700.
- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.
- Bureau of Land Management – Idaho Office: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- *In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.*
- *By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.*
- *On the Internet, go online to <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee is added for this transaction.*
- *Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.*

Key Dates:

Controlled hunt application period: April 1 – April 30.

Persons applying for controlled hunts must submit tag and application fees. (See page 36).

You may refer to this link for laws pertaining to this rule book:

Administrative Procedures Act: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov>

More than 30 states have entered into a "Wildlife Violator Compact." This means if your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked by any of the member states, all the remaining states will revoke the same license or privilege for the same time period. In addition, any nonresident who does not satisfy the requirements of an Idaho citation will have his/her hunting and fishing license revoked in their home state until those requirements are satisfied. For more information on the WVC and a complete list of member states, go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/about/enforcement/violator.cfm>

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Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of fish. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

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What's New

The 2013 and 2014 Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat seasons include some increases and decreases in tag numbers in response to population changes and hunter success rates.

Moose: Declines in moose numbers, particularly in north-central Idaho, resulted in a reduction in tags and closing or combining of some hunt areas. If you do not see your favorite hunt area, look at the Hunt Area Descriptions. Some hunt areas have been combined.

Bighorn Sheep: Controlled hunt area 27-4 has been split into two separate hunts: 2 tags in hunt area 27-5 and 1 tag in hunt area 36.

Legislation approved in 2009 designated major portions of all California bighorn sheep hunt areas as wilderness, where access by motorized vehicles is forbidden by law. Wilderness boundaries are clearly marked and will be patrolled. A number of access routes were preserved for hunter access; please check maps and abide by wilderness regulations. Maps showing wilderness boundaries can be found at the Bruneau, Owyhee and Jarbidge offices of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information see: http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/content/id/en/prog/blm_special_areas/wilderness/owyhee_initiative.html.

Mountain Goat: Hunt area 51 has been closed because of declining mountain goat numbers.